

Political and Social News by Cable and Correspondence from the Old World

GAMBLERS ROOST
IN A POORHOUSE

Police Raid the Paupers' Retreat and Find Betting on Races in Full Swing.

BOOKMAKERS HAD GOOD THING
Some Inmates Express Indignation and Are Expelled.

CENSUS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE
Nearly Two Thousand Men, Women and Children on List.

RECRUITS FOR SALT LAKE CITY
Mormon Missionaries Find a Fruitful Field for Recruits and Take Many Hundred Girls from England to Utah.

BY PAUL LAMBERT.
LONDON, April 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—England has another chance to laugh and it is taking advantage of the situation. Think of it! The police make a raid on a gang of gamblers in a poorhouse where betting on horse races has been going on for years; not penny ante or crap shooting, but out and out book making, the taking of bets every day and settling up at night!

The raid was recently made where one of the inmates had received a number of bets on the Lincoln handicap from pauper patrons. The practice has been carried on by the bookmaker for eighteen months, and he has admitted that he took the business over from another inmate. The raid was made in consequence of an anonymous letter, and the ringleader gave the name of several of his clients, one of whom was at one time a well known cricketer. This custom was to pay out on the arrival of the papers. In future the betting and gaming games is to be obliterated from the pauper before they are placed in the wards. The bookmaker was in the habit of sending the bets out of the workhouse. The guardian held an inquiry, and they have found that the bookmaker had an assistant, and one of the men kept a racing calendar. One of the plunders called the workhouse called upon to testify and he was ordered to leave the institution.

Census of Homeless.
A census of the homeless persons in this city was taken in the night of February 17. The number of persons discovered homeless was 1,786, 1,882 being men, 1,000 being women and 1,000 being children. It may be mentioned that the government is going to spend \$500,000 in crowding King George.

Wales Buys America Steel.
Three thousand tons of steel bars from New York were unloaded from the steamer Kutalla at Swansea, last Tuesday, to begin the heavy selling of the Welsh iron and steel industry. This is the largest cargo of such bars ever received at that place.

Members to Be Paid.
That the payment of members of Parliament is assured this year was the announcement made by the prime minister in the House of Commons, in reply to a question.

Recruits for Mormonism.
According to the Countess Chichester, last year 556 girls were transported to Salt Lake City, Utah. She said this at a meeting in support of the Chester Regatta home, where she discussed the "Fugitive" proposals of Mormonism. The fugitive was carried on throughout England. It was the ignorance of religious things in which our boyhood and girlhood were now growing up that made them fall prey to these people, who, deceived them away from their parents.

The countess said she mentioned this because the propaganda was going on among the servant classes. There were large Mormon colonies at Tottenham, Liverpool, Essex and Ireland. The difficulty was to get facts upon which action could be taken, to have the whole thing brought before Parliament. But facts were being accumulated, and she hoped there would be long action would be taken in the matter.

First Dreadnought Passed.
The first Dreadnought of the new type has already been superseded as the latest and finest sea fighting machine, though it has only been in commission five years. It was launched six years ago. Admiral William had hauled down his flag two weeks ago, and the original Dreadnought is to be taken in hand for a thorough refit. An even stronger vessel than either will soon be ready. This is the Orion, which is nearly 5,000 tons larger than the Dreadnought. The rate at which improvements are being effected in the construction of these tremendous battleships means that their period of usefulness is growing shorter.

Formerly warships remained for years as first-class fighting machines. In even a few years, nowadays, practically new ships are discarded. During the present year, no fewer than nine are under orders to be struck out.

Heavy Price for Art.
The proposition to sell Rembrandt's picture, "The Mill" for \$500,000 to an American millionaire, has been rejected. The picture, printed and sold, and the Marquis Lansdowne has enjoyed it immensely. An art critic of recognized authority who written anonymously says in one of the papers:

"The absurdity of the whole thing may be easily demonstrated by plain facts. The 'Mill,' put up for public auction at Christie's, might have fetched \$50,000. The highest price ever paid for a picture at Christie's was 12,500 guineas. Over the way, at 'Willie,' that figure has been twice exceeded, when Messrs. Robinson & Foster sold Hopner's 'Lady Louisa Manser' for 14,000 guineas a few years ago. I remember that when Rembrandt's 'A Gentleman on Horseback' fetched 2,000 guineas three or four years ago the price was considered a very fair one. The individuality of the picture that 'the value of a thing is whatever it will fetch' is therefore obvious when the 'Mill' is a Rembrandt, sold by a British merchant to an American millionaire for nearly \$500,000."

INDIA AWAKE AND ADVANCING
Law Passed for Curtailment of the Hours of Labor for Adults and Children.

CALCUTTA, April 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—The factory bill, which limits adults to twelve hours and children to six hours daily labor, has been passed into law. The bill is now generally regarded as a practical working measure.

IRELAND SHORT ON CHILDREN

Alarming Decrease in Birth Rate is Reported.

COST OF LIVING IS THE CAUSE
Many Men and Women Continue to Avoid Marriage Through Fear of Inability to Support a Family.

BY ROBERT EMMETT.
DUBLIN, April 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—History has shown again and again that a nation's greatest asset is a reliable stock of sound, healthy citizens, and the picture of a childless Ireland is the strongest argument that can be adduced for a change in the system which has brought about such a disastrous condition.

In the report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland for 1909-10, just issued, is the statement that there are places in Sligo where there are no children. The senior inspector of the Sligo education circuit says:

"Those who in the past did not emigrate, but remained at home, have grown up, and, confronted by the difficulty of subsistence, have never married."

"Within a radius of two miles there are sixty-three houses, and in forty-nine there are no children."

"In other places young men and women emigrate year after year, and there are none left to help on the farm, except the children, who are therefore kept away from school."

Fun in Court.
There was a constant roar of laughter at the recent hearing of the charges made by the master of the Lismacree workhouse against the porter, McCormick, who made charges against the master.

The porter alleged that the master assaulted him, and denied the charge of drunkenness. The master saw the porter was "destroying his moral fibre" by drink; McCormick said he didn't know what that meant. He might have left his room by the window at night on a couple of occasions, but that was because there was fresh paint on the door.

The porter told of card parties in the workhouse when the guests stayed till after 10 p. m. The master sometimes supplied the drinks. The master often drank witness whisky.

The Protestant chaplain said he never saw the porter drunk.

The master related that when the porter was in drink he shouted so as to be heard for miles. A queer thing was that he could walk and even scale a wall, and he did not know what he was doing when he could cross walls as quick as a dog, although wild with drink (laughter).

Bank Stock Low.
There has of late been a marked depression in Bank of Ireland stocks, which has fallen to 26, this being the lowest price since 1907. Most of the recent heavy selling is attributed to English holders, who are nervous as to the consequences of the promised home rule.

Upon the passing of the act of union the splendid structure in College Green sold to the Bank of Ireland. In the event of home rule being granted to Ireland, the question is, will the Bank of Ireland be called upon to surrender the College Green premises for the Irish Parliament? When Ireland had a parliament the body met in that building.

Priest Leads Rescue.
The schooner Teaser went ashore last Saturday morning on Curragh rocks, Ardmore bay. Father O'Shea, the Catholic curate, made an effort to reach the wreck, but the heavy sea prevented him from launching the only available boat. A boat was eventually brought a mile and a half overland, and this, manned by Father O'Shea and five others, put off to the wreck and brought the bodies of three sailors ashore.

Big Dry Dock Finished.
What is regarded as the largest dry dock in the world has been constructed at Belfast for the reception of the 45,000 ton White Star Line Olympia.

Work on the dock commenced seven years ago. Delays, however, occurred, and twice work was suspended owing to the embankment of the adjoining Alexander dock giving way. The undertaking cost \$1,750,000, and the dock has been entirely excavated on land reclaimed from the sea. The dock is 820 feet long, and when the calson gate has been placed on the outer face the length is 837 feet. It is 100 feet wide. The concrete floor is seven and one-half feet thick, and vessels drawing between thirty-three and thirty-four feet can be accommodated.

Botha's Ministers Propose to Build Palace in Pretoria
African Union Government Submits a Plan That Shocks English Members.

CAPE TOWN, April 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—An interesting debate took place in the Union assembly with reference to the government's plans for the new Union buildings at Pretoria. Mr. Merriman announced the procedure as grossly unconstitutional and the expenditure as wasteful and wanton.

GERMANS ALIVE
TO BIG CHANCE

Are Planning a Warm Reception to Delegation of American Business Men on Visit.

WILL LEAVE BOSTON IN JUNE
Purpose is to Investigate European Methods of Trade.

TO TRAVERSE SEVERAL NATIONS
Subject of Anti-Modernist Oath Still a Live One.

TO BE DISCUSSED IN REICHSTAG
Race of Airship for Prize of Hundred Thousand Dollars to Be Held in June and to Cover Large Stretch of Territory.

BY MALCOLM CLARKE.
BERLIN, April 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—The various business or commercial bodies here and in other parts of the empire are making extensive preparations for the reception and entertainment of the big delegation of American business men who are expected here. It is the first party of American business men ever to make a tour of Europe to study business and economic conditions and will sail from Boston June 12 for a trip through this country, England, France, Belgium, Austria-Hungary and Switzerland.

The party of 100 will also include delegations from the commercial organizations and municipal governments of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburg, St. Paul and other cities. Special trains will be used to carry the party from one city to another. On not more than two occasions will it be necessary to travel by night. In order that those who wish to stay in London during the coronation may do so, an early sailing has been arranged, the steamship company having changed the date of the Ivernia to June 12.

Two things are in view, the most important of which is to see the best possible group of representatives of American business men to see the best that leading European cities are doing in commercial, industrial, transportation, municipal and other fields. The second object is to extend an invitation to the commercial bodies of Europe to send delegates to the International Congress of Chambers of Commerce at Boston in 1912.

Artificial Man Invented.
Otto Windham, an inventive genius living here, has, after years of struggle, succeeded in making an artificial man, who can walk, make all movements, speak, sing, laugh and whistle. It is a life-size figure and so natural an imitation as to be completely deceptive a yard away.

"Ocellus," as the figure is named, obeys words of command, such as "March!" and "Halt!" and he answers any questions put to him. It is not an illusion or A. trick; it is a pure piece of mechanical work.

Anti-Modernist Oath Again.
Twenty-three members of the upper house of the Prussian Diet have given notice of an interpolation on the subject of the anti-modernist oath in Prussia. The government will be asked whether professors in the universities have taken the oath of their own free will, whether the government considers a oath consistent with the "oath of office" which professors take on assuming their professional functions and whether the standing of the universities is not impaired when their members impose upon themselves obligations such as the anti-modernist oath contains.

Air Race for Fortune.
An air race, in which the prize will amount to \$100,000, will take place from June 4 to June 30. It is called the European aviation circuit. The course begins and ends at Paris, but between the start and the end aviators will journey from Paris to Berlin, then back to Brussels and across to London, then southward again over the sea to Paris. In this course visits will be paid by air to Rheims, Liege, Hanover, Hamburg, Bremen, Wees, Utrecht, Lille, Calais, Brooklands, Brighton and Rouen.

Prizes will be awarded only to those who finish first, but at every landing there will be opportunities for winning. At certain places along the route the aviators will only be required to touch ground, while at others they must stop their engines and dismount. There will be a larger number of contestants in this tournament than in any other contest of the kind.

Enriched His Lost Love.
Here is a romance in real life which recently came to public notice. It is an instance in modern chivalry. The hero is an old merchant, a widower, with a grown-up family. She is a young, pretty and vivacious daughter of a clearing agent, whom she is in love with in an infatuated way, but with no private means. Here you have the case in as pretty a little romance as has been enacted for a long time past. The old man made love to the girl, whose father encouraged his suit. The girl rejected her father's advances and frankly confessed that her affections were already engaged and that she would have been married were it not for the lack of means. For a fortnight the man of money was greatly dejected; then one morning he sought an interview with the girl, asked her to forget that he had ever made love to her and insisted on her acceptance, reluctant though she was, of a gift of \$20,000. She has since married the officer.

Catholic Teachers.
This empire has a Total Abstinence Society of Catholic Teachers, with a membership of 2,000. In connection with the last Eucharistic congress held at Cologne the Priests' Abstinence union held a session, attended by 200 German priests and theological students.

BAILIFF FOR SIXTY-FOUR YEARS
English Minor Court Official Has a Record Probably Unequaled in the World.

LONDON, April 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—Judge Thomas Snagge at Banbury county court, said that court was established sixty-three years ago, and during all those years the high bailiff, George Gardner, had attended every sitting. It was a record unique in the history of the county court. Mr. Gardner is still in the possession of health and intellect; to perform his duties, his voice being as strong as ever.

HOLLWEG WORRIES VATICAN

Speech of German Chancellor Taken as Threat.

POPE PIUS TRIFLE SARCASTIC
Deplores Tendency of Monarchs to Turn Royal Scepter into an Ecclesiastical Crozier Too Readily.

BY CLEMENT BARRETT.
ROME, April 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—The Vatican authorities regard the speech of Chancellor Hollweg on the anti-modernist oath in the German Reichstag as a threat or a warning to the Holy See. The chancellor appears to aim at having the pope submit to him decrees and letters addressed to the Catholic world for his veto before they can be published to the Catholics of Germany. There is, the pope recently said, a temptation in monarchies to turn their royal scepter into an ecclesiastical crozier and to rule the world as well as the bodies of their subjects. And this has been an idea which prevailed for a long time among the German princes.

What renders the speech menacing is that the emperor himself is a party to it. The chancellor refers, in passing, to the pontifical letter to the St. Charles Borromeo centenary, and the effect that Germany took out of the papal references to the reformers and the German princes of the reformation times.

The chancellor is said to be alarmed at the prospect of a disturbance of the religious peace which now prevails in Germany, and he says, "I speak by the Holy Spirit and in the name of the Holy Spirit." He declares that there is nothing in the oath that is out of harmony with the constitution and that the Protestant church and state have not and cannot have anything to do with the spiritual and religious life of Catholics.

Ill Luck in Saugalling.
A young man, who had all upon the idea of using his machine for smuggling goods across the Alps met with a shocking accident at the first experiment. He was found near the railway line at the foot of Mont Cenis with both legs broken. After the accident he lay a whole night in the snow. He is now in a hospital.

M. F. De Cou, instructor in archeology in the American School of Classical Studies in this city, is reported to have been assassinated at Cyrene, on the Barbary coast.

Mr. De Cou was superintending some excavations on the ruins of the city in the style of an early morning, when unknown assassins fired two shots at him, both of which took effect.

It is thought that the crime has been committed in order to stop the work of the explorers. It can hardly have been a coincidence, since the exploring party pay lavishly for their supplies to the Arabs and are loved and respected by the officials and workers alike.

A number of Turkish gendarmes have been sent up from Derna to protect the expedition and endeavor to capture the culprits.

Pietraque Suicide.
A sort of Orlando Furioso in the person of a young actor few days ago committed suicide at the feet of his Angelica, whom he accused of jilting him. She was a cashier in a restaurant, some ten years older than her admirer. She loved him sincerely, but wished him to be less demonstrative in public. "Ah, I knew that you did not love me so much as I love you," exclaimed the man and before any one could stop him he plunged a knife into his heart and fell dead.

Turin Exhibition Unfinished.
The Turin exhibition authorities are at their wits' end to get their fair in a sufficient state of completeness to be opened April 23—the date fixed.

Devilish Revenge.
A young fellow, aged 17, perpetrated a horrible crime in Naples, cutting beyond recognition the face of a very pretty girl of 14 because she eluded his advances. The girl had taken the beauty prize at several local shows.

Froken Rogstad Speaks for the Army Estimates
Only Woman Member of Norwegian Parliament Shows Familiarity with War Topics.

BY ERIC GRUNDMARK.
COPENHAGEN, April 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—One of the most interesting figures in Norway just now is Froken Rogstad, the only woman member of the Norwegian parliament. Miss Rogstad made her first speech in favor of the army estimates. She spoke in clear forceful style, showing a remarkable familiarity with a subject which is generally held to have little attraction for women. She said she hoped the time was coming when war and military institutions would cease to be, but she felt that the estimates under discussion were only such as were demanded by the necessity for self-preservation, and she would vote for them.

Norway, she said, was not too small a nation to lead a movement towards general peace and arbitration.

Arbitration is not the only world policy in which Rogstad thinks Norway may afford an example to Europe. In education, in the relations between capital and labor and the improvement of the condition of the working classes, the little northern kingdom, she is confident may become a model for the rest of the continent.

COMPULSORY TRAINING OF NEW ZEALAND MILITIA
For Almost Half Century Englishman Consumed Much Brew, Died at 100.

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TWO BOYS FIGHT
DUEL IN FRANCE

After Trouble in Class Room School Boys Resort to the "Field of Honor."

CROWD OF PEOPLE LOOK ON
Pistols Used Without Damage and Swords Come Into Play.

SMALLER BOY WINS THE FIGHT
Humble Boatman Turns Out to Be of Noble Birth.

WAS DESERTED WHEN A BABY
Detective Inspector of Paris Police is Assassinated and Express in the Act of Telling Name of His Slayer.

BY PAUL VILLIERS.
PARIS, April 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—For originality in the land of frequent change and novelty a duel between school boys is entitled to the record. The younger boys, who had trouble in their class room, went out to the "field of honor" and fought it out with swords in the presence of a crowd of people, young and old.

The cause of the quarrel was a foolish one. The elder of the two was standing up in class reciting a lesson, and the younger boy shot little javelins of paper into the back of his coat collar. The elder boy knew that he was being made ridiculous, but he could not resist in class. Immediately after the class was released he rushed at his tormentor and knocked him down. The other, who was much the smaller, called his assailant a coward and challenged him to a duel. The challenge was accepted. A medical student, a friend of one of the boys, was found, and he consented to act as doctor. As for the seconds, so many of the lads were anxious for this post of honor that there were several fights before the matter was decided.

On Friday afternoon the boys went out to the park. Practically the whole school went with them, and numbers of the townspeople who had got wind of the affair were also present. Pistols came first, but as no damage resulted, swords were resorted to. The fight was not a long one, and almost at the start of the engagement the elder boy was wounded in the forearm. He was wounded seriously, and lost a good deal of blood. The "doctor" tied up the wound, and the crowd cheered lustily and congratulated the two boys on their daring. The duellists shook hands and went home arm in arm.

Boatman Becomes Vicomte.
An interesting romance has come to light in St. Grazanee, a fishing village of Brittany, and the central figure in it is the boat carpenter, Yves le Goennec, who everybody thought until quite recently was the son of Yves le Goennec, a captain of the lifeboat. Now the villagers know better. They know that the carpenter is really M. le Vicomte, a man of noble birth, and he has left for this city in the style that befits his newly discovered station.

Old residents of St. Grazanee remember the night of Yves le Goennec's arrival in their midst. They call it "the night of the big storm," and it happened twenty-five years ago. The storm brought four wrecks ashore to St. Grazanee. The lifeboat put out to sea seven times that night and brought in thirty-seven passengers, when Anne Marie le Goennec, Yves le Goennec's wife, picked up a bundle. As old Anne Marie lifted it in her arms a cry came out of it. "The bundle was quite dead. Therefore it had not come to shore from the sea, either in the lifeboat or by any other means."

A fortnight afterwards one of the villagers went into St. Brieuc. While gossiping with friends he was told of a stranger who had hired a car on the night of the storm and had gone for a drive in it himself. Yves was adopted by Anne Marie, who had no children of her own. Old Le Goennec had money and sent the boy, whom he loved, into St. Brieuc, where he was educated better than the other lads of the village.

When the old people died Yves found he had inherited old Le Goennec's savings. He did not go to sea, as all the others in the village did, but made himself village carpenter. Then one day the marvel happened which has made the name of Yves le Goennec so famous. The bundle was quite dead, and he was talking as long as the village lasts. A gentleman arrived at St. Grazanee. A beautifully dressed man of about 40 drove into the village in a motor car and asked for Yves le Goennec.

He was at work and looked up at the visitor. The visitor smiled and grasped his hand. "I am your brother, Yves," said he. The name of Yves' father and mother has not escaped so far.

Police Inspector Murdered.
A detective inspector of police was shot dead in the streets of Vienna last night when there were hundreds of people in the streets, and the murderer escaped. One bullet had perforated the man's lungs, and other wounds were mortal. He died within a little after 9. At 9 o'clock M. Lepine, the prefect of the police, went to his discharge from the navy in the Beaujon hospital. He arrived last night with tears streaming down his face and into his grey beard. M. Lepine pinned to the shirt of Mouis the gold medal, with his red, white and blue ribbon, which is the highest reward for bravery in the police service. Mouis made one last effort to tell his murderer was.

"I think his name is—" he began, but his voice failed him. He shook his head, looked up into M. Lepine's face, clutched his chest and died. Durond is not only a deserter, but a man of notorious life, who is wanted for a dozen crimes.

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WREAKS A BRUTAL REVENGE
Austrian Noncommissioned Officer Shocks Army.

HUNGARIAN COUNTS IN REAL DUEL
Falling to Wound Each Other with Pistols, They Fight Fiercely with Cavalry Swords Until One Falls.

BY EMIL ANDRASSY.
VIENNA, April 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—An Austrian sergeant named Rudolf and a recruit are in prison charged with an act of extraordinary brutality. The sergeant was informed by his wife of a sentinel named Jessenovitch had peeped into their bed room.

The sergeant ordered a recruit to relieve Jessenovitch and then tie him to a tree, giving instructions that Jessenovitch was to be shot if he attempted to escape.

The soldier did attempt to free himself and the recruit promptly shot him, inflicting a fatal wound. The sergeant heard the shot while he was in bed, but took no notice, and it was six o'clock next morning before the dying man was found. Mortally wounded, he hung bound to the tree the greater part of the night.

Hungarians in Real Duel.
Two Hungarian counts are in a serious condition from wounds inflicted in a duel when they met near Vienna on Sunday. The duel was first three shots being exchanged without effect. The two men, dropping their pistols, rushed together with heavy cavalry swords. One of the counts sustained a wound across his head that exposed the skull before the seconds could separate them.

Yellow Car Unlucky.
Two lovers who had selected a yellow motor car for an elopement had their romance undone as they were passing the border of Serbia and are now attributing their undoing to the color of the car. The other day a yellow motor car—not that of the lovers—was running along a country road in the komitat of Pressburg, in Hungary, at a speed that considerably exceeded the legal limit, when it overturned on a curve. The driver was badly hurt, but the motorists made good their escape. The police set the telegraph in motion and gave the police all along the road to Budapest a description of the car. Meanwhile the lovers, a young man and a lady of rare beauty, had escaped from Vienna in a yellow car, identical in appearance with the "wrecked" by the police. The lovers were hesitating to cross the frontier to escape the pursuit of the lady's husband, and reached Budapest in safety.

Excited Suspicion.
Here the color of the car excited suspicion, and the lovers were arrested, although they stoutly denied having had any accident. The car was impounded and they were detained. The Pressburg police, meanwhile, succeeded in discovering the car. The fugitive was stopped, and the lovers, a young man and a lady of rare beauty, had escaped from Vienna in a yellow car, identical in appearance with the "wrecked" by the police. The lovers were hesitating to cross the frontier to escape the pursuit of the lady's husband, and reached Budapest in safety.

Burned to Death on Ice.
To be burnt to death on ice was the unusual fate of fifteen workmen on the Fontanka canal, in the very heart of St. Petersburg. The men, who were working all night on the sledge track on the canal. Tired out at 4 o'clock they went to sleep in some lighters which had been placed together on the ice so as to form a shelter for workmen.

Twenty-nine men were sleeping in the lighters when the ice cracked, and the men, who were working all night on the sledge track on the canal. Tired out at 4 o'clock they went to sleep in some lighters which had been placed together on the ice so as to form a shelter for workmen.

Imitated Adm.
An actor created a scene at the Imperial theater a few days ago by appearing in an attire that was akin to a period of earlier history. It was during a performance of the ballet "Giselle" and the chief male performer, who is a great favorite with the public in St. Petersburg, appeared in such scanty raiment that he was received at first with a dead silence. The audience appeared to have been struck dumb with surprise. When they recovered their breath there was loud hissing and general uproar, during which the gentleman had to retire before a volley of whistled profanities.

Women in the Professions.
Women are attaining distinction in the different professional lines in Austria. There are at present eighty lady doctors practicing in the country. As might be expected, there are more in Vienna than in any other town, the capital providing more or less adequate careers for thirty-nine. Like their sisters in this country, they find their occupation principally in the treatment of the diseases of women and children.

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Brazilian Fiends Establish a Record in Devilish Work
Two Brothers Kill in Cold Blood Every Person They Meet on the Street.

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—It is claimed that a world's record in crime has been established in Brazil, two brothers having committed four atrocious and utterly unprovoked murders within two hours.

Among the victims of the Brazilian dreadnaught San Paulo who were murdered were a marine named Libo Pereira. On his discharge from the navy he returned to his native place, Fortaleza, in the state of Ceara, where he at once resumed a life of crime. Pereira was accompanied by his brother, Baptista, a boatman. Strutting through the streets of the city the ruffians met a well dressed young man whom they forthwith attacked with knives, inflicting which were in the heart. Obsessed with the lust of blood, the fiendish brothers continued their walk looking for fresh victims. They encountered Dr. Jose Protas, one of the most distinguished physicians of the city, who was hurrying to the bedside of a sick patient. The doctor was attacked with their knives. Taken by surprise the doctor was quickly dispatched and his mutilated body left on the sidewalk.

Hurrying from the scene of this second atrocious murder, the brothers met a young man, who was standing quietly at his door, and forthwith made him a victim of the third crime. He was killed by one, Jose Costa, who raised an alarm and fled, leaving the brothers, only to fall in turn beneath their reeking weapons.

This time there was a general alarm and the brothers fled, ultimately taking refuge in a deserted cottage on the outskirts of the city, where they were run to earth two days later and captured.

The fiends from the first gloried in their crimes. Baptista stated that the first murder was committed "in a spirit of perversity." Pereira declared that when the doctor was killed he was repaid that he had tasted blood, and that at the moment he would kill his own mother if he met her.

RUSSIA PLANNING
FOR GREAT CANAL

Extensive Internal Improvements in Contemplation by the Czar's Government.

WATERWAYS GET RIGHT-OF-WAY
Expense of the Improvements Will Be Hundred Million Dollars.

TO CONNECT CASPIAN AND OCEAN
Dissatisfied Students Are Still Making Trouble at University.

POISONOUS CHEMICALS ARE USED
Fifteen Workmen Burned to Death on the Ice in the Fontanka Canal, Situated in the Very Heart of St. Petersburg.

BY GEORGE FRAZIER.
ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—The Russian government is to look to internal improvement of the country as well as building a great way for its defense. One of the plans mapped out in the building of a great canal across the country. The assistant minister of ways and means and communications has informed the Duma that a vast program for the construction of waterways will be submitted to it within two or three weeks.

The total cost of the project as outlined in the program will be \$500,000,000. It is proposed to construct and improve a succession of waterways connecting the Caspian Sea with the Arctic ocean. If the appropriation is made the construction work will require many years to complete.

Rare Stamps Come High.
M. Stemmer, a St. Petersburg postage stamp collector, has doubtless paid the highest price for rare stamps ever paid by a collector. For five duplicates of a set in his possession which he had believed to be unique a few days ago he paid \$12,160, and immediately after getting them in his possession burnt them that the set he possessed might remain rare and valuable.

Students Still Restless.
Striking students at the university continue to give the faculty much trouble. The outbursts come very unexpected and the chemical method is always resorted to. Recently the students at the Polytechnic Institute who come for the lectures were driven away by poisonous gases chemically generated. The following day similar chemical obstruction was applied at the university. In the Mining school, as in the Medical Institute for women, no lectures have been delivered for some days.